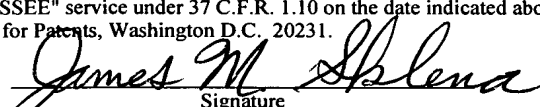


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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g),(h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made, and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. application Serial No. 09/094,008 filed June 9, 1998 for "Modified Atmosphere Package", which is a continuation of pending U.S. application Serial No. 08/763,719 filed December 13, 1996 for "Modified Atmosphere

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Package for Cut of Raw Meat", which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application Serial No. 08/627,137 filed April 3, 1996 for a "Modified Atmosphere Package for Cut of Raw Meat".

In accordance with Rule 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d) copies of the listed documents are not enclosed as they have been previously cited by or submitted to the Patent and Trademark Office in the above-identified prior related applications.

The applicants would like to make the Examiner aware of the following pending application that is being pursued by the assignee of the present application:

Application No.	Date Filed	Title
09/168,659	Oct. 8, 1998	System and Method of Making a Modified Atmosphere Package

Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

Respectfully submitted,

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